

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY CELLULAR, INC. )	
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC )	CASE NO.
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT )	95-182
ADDITIONAL CELL FACILITIES IN KENTUCKY RURAL )	
SERVICE AREA NO. 11 (NOLANSBURG CELL SITE) )	

O R D E R

On May 9, 1995, Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. ("Litchfield") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a cellular radio telecommunications system for Rural Service Area No. 11 ("RSA No. 11"). RSA No. 11 includes Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley counties. Litchfield has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Harlan County. Litchfield was previously granted authority to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in RSA No. 11 in Case No. 94-006.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed cell site consists of a 200-foot or less guyed antenna tower to be located approximately one and one-fourth miles north of the community of Nolansburg, Harlan County, Kentucky ("the Nolansburg cell site"). The coordinates for the Nolansburg cell site are North Latitude 36° 56' 47" by West Longitude 83° 10' 10".

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 94-006, The Joint Application of Contel Cellular of Kentucky B, Inc. and Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. for Approval to Transfer and Acquire Control of the Cellular Telephone Utility in Kentucky Rural Service Area No. 11.

Litchfield has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Nolansburg cell site. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation appears to meet the criteria of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International National Building Code with reference to earthquakes, winds, and tornadoes.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the Nolansburg cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances; however, Litchfield notified the Harlan County Judge/Executive of the pending construction. Litchfield has filed applications with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission ("KAZC") seeking approval for the construction and operation of the Nolansburg cell site. The FAA application has been approved, while the KAZC application is still pending.

Litchfield has filed notices verifying that each person who owns property or who resides within 500 feet of the Nolansburg cell site has been notified of the pending construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the property owners or residents of their right to intervene. To date, no intervention requests have been received.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, Litchfield should notify the Commission if it

does not use this antenna tower to provide cellular radio telecommunications services in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by Litchfield.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Litchfield should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Nolansburg cell site in RSA No. 11 under its previously approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

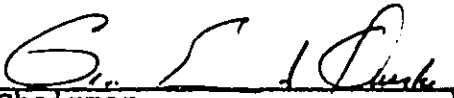
1. Litchfield be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Nolansburg cell site.

2. Litchfield shall file a copy of the final decision regarding the pending KAZC application for this cell site construction within 10 days of receiving this decision.

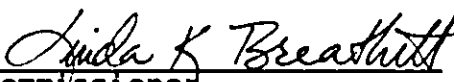
3. Litchfield shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of June, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director